

2011 DC Design House

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One of DC's most popular renovation projects has just released images of it's latest endeavor. Every year the DC Design house completes a new project showcasing the top trends in home design with an exclusive home tour. Proceeds of the tour's ticket sales support [Children's National Medical Center](#) in one of their largest fund raisers of the year. The non-profit design showcase was formed in 2008 by DC Design House, Inc. and this is its fourth showcase home.

About the challenge: once the designers were selected, they had exactly one month to transform a space drawing upon current industry trends destined to inspire visitors' own homes. According to the MLS listing, there were 21 participants .

Baltimore's Patrick Sutton completely transformed a Great Room to a warm Living Room with many cozy spaces.

Gaithersburg's [Samantha Friedman](#) (responsible for the quirky swing in the secret garden bedroom alcove) shown at slide 26 on *The Washington Post's* [featured tour](#).

Lauren Liess designed [The Hideaway room](#) and included a custom designed reading lamp and her own striking Mad Hatter Chair. Her inclusion of a layered mattress window seat expresses her talent for combining textures and patterns while including elements of whimsical fantasy.

Lauren Liess [own 1970's Northern Virginia home renovation](#) is an inspiring showcase of how to turn a house that won't sell into one that will sell magazines (she also offers [e-decorating services](#) for non-local clients that prefer to work independently under the tutelage of a skilled professional).

Co-sponsored by Farrow and Ball some of the rooms feature colors from [F&B's 2011 collection](#), including the warm [Oxford Stone No. 264](#) and [Dove Tail No. 267](#) which is another stone-y color, sometimes perceived gray and others as a warm neutral. Farrow and Ball's paints are highly regarded for their high quality and historic color offerings which are perceived as being both traditional and modern in hue and sophistication. This adaptive dichotomy is particularly well-presented in the DC Design house where both traditional and modern elements are in play.



If you're in the market, the house is available for sale. An English Country Tudor home, the house was built in 1925 for Charles Woodward of the Woodward and Lothrop department stores. It offers six bedrooms, four and one half baths on over an acre of land with a pool and carriage house in the Forest Hill neighborhood. Current asking price is 4.9 million. Or you can always take tour and contribute toward a worthy [cause](#) ([tour dates: April 9 - May 8, 2011](#)).

[Before](#) and [After](#).

Photos of the DC Design House were graciously shared by Michele G. from [My Notting Hill](#). For an insider's tour of the house be sure to read her [blog](#) series on the project.

